

Parish of

# the Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth

## Report to Vestry, 2017

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Prepared for the Annual Meeting of Vestry,  
held Feb 25, 2018

**Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2018**  
*to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting*

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners  
My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am joined with the Area Bishops in bringing you greetings and assurance of our prayers as you gather in the annual Vestry Meeting to set parish priorities and budget and choose churchwardens and officers to lead your ministry together. I am so grateful for the commitment and contributions that these people make to the life of the Church and the mission of Christ in the community you serve. Thank you, especially, to those who are finishing their terms of office or moving into different responsibilities. My prayers are offered for those of you who are taking on new ministries today.

Today, as has been the custom for several years, I ask you to consider a Vestry motion advocating for affordable housing and dealing with homelessness. We, as a church, have a long and effective history of providing both temporary and emergency housing, long term housing projects and counselling and support for the under housed. These programs are vital for providing relief on a day-to-day basis for many who do not have access to affordable housing. However, any effort to address the long-term needs underlying this crisis requires more resources than churches and community agencies can provide alone. The church has an advocacy role as well as providing front-line service. The two go together; both make a difference. Whatever you decide to do today, I think it is important that we discuss in our meetings to conduct the "business" of our parishes, the issues that affect the well-being of our whole community.

A key priority in our diocesan strategic plan, Growing in Christ, is leadership development and formation. In my Charge to Synod, I asked every parish to participate in at least one intentional formation programme during the year. May I invite you to join me this Lent in Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. Resources are available on-line and can be used by individuals and groups. I commend several other programmes - some developed in the Diocese - that will help you to be more intentional and confident in your Christian discipleship. Suggestions will be also available on-line.

I will retire at the end of this year. It has been an incredible honour to have served for some fifteen years as your bishop and over forty years in ordained ministry in this diocese. What a joy it has been to be invited into people's lives at the most profound level - at moments of deep joy or sorrow, at times of vocational discernment, at times of challenging crisis or productive stability. In all this, to witness the faith and compassion and engagement of Anglicans has strengthened my faith, expanded my horizons and confirmed my love of Christ and his Church. This June, Synod will choose a coadjutor bishop who will automatically succeed me on my retirement, becoming the 12th Bishop of Toronto. I posed some questions at Synod for people to consider in preparation for the election:

From your own experience of bishop(s), what are two qualities you have admired in a bishop?  
What are two critical issues affecting the life and mission of this Diocese today?  
Considering that, what two qualities (maybe the same or different from #1) does the next bishop need to have to lead this Diocese in its mission into the next decade?

Please pray for the members of Synod that they may discern wisely and faithfully for this challenging and complex role of leading the largest and most diverse diocese in North America.

I hope to have the opportunity over this year to thank you for entrusting me with this awesome responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

The Most Rev'd Colin R. Johnson  
Archbishop of Toronto

## Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2018

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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the Name of our Loving, Liberating and life-giving God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

I once again offer my prayers and good wishes as you gather for your annual Vestry meetings. I thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to God's mission and your parish's participation in that mission.

I strongly support and encourage your Vestries to pass the Social Justice Vestry Motion: Affordable Housing and Homelessness. In a society that prides itself as being relatively affluent and socially conscious, much more must be done to provide affordable housing for those who need and for all of us to work together to eliminate homelessness.

Archbishop Colin Johnson will retire at the end of this calendar year and Synod has given its concurrence to have an Episcopal election to elect a Coadjutor bishop. The person elected will become the new bishop of the Diocese on the retirement of the Archbishop. I ask your prayers for the clergy and laity of the Synod that will meet on June 9, 2018 to elect the coadjutor bishop. I encourage synod members to visit our diocesan website and respond to the four questions the Archbishop has asked members to consider and send their comments.

We place on record our sincere thanks and gratitude for the long, devoted and faithful ministry of Archbishop Johnson. His 42 years of ordained ministry includes serving in every capacity possible—parish priest, regional dean, archdeacon, bishop suffragan, diocesan bishop and archbishop. He has provided strong leadership of our diocese and the Capital Deployment Policy will be one of the legacies that will bear the Archbishop's finger prints. Let us keep him and Ellen in our prayers during the year as they prepare for another transition in their lives.

There will be a regular session of Synod in November of this year. Among other agenda items will be a discussion about the first reading of General Synod's proposal to change the marriage canon.

Our Primate, the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz has announced his intention to retire as the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada at the end of the next General Synod scheduled to meet July 10-16, 2019.

I continue to be very concerned and disturbed by the ongoing level of violence taking place in some of our communities. I ask your prayers for those in law enforcement and the judiciary that they will act justly and explore means with all social partners in finding ways to reduce if not eliminate such violence. We are a people of faith, hope and confidence in a loving, gracious and merciful God. Our roles as Christians are to continue bearing witness to that love, hope, graciousness and mercy offered us by Almighty God every day. We must continue the missional work that is before us, in building communities of compassion and hope.

The Area Council will continue in its leadership to provide funding for wonderful and meaningful ministries taking place in York Simcoe. There are several open positions on the council that I am looking to fill. If you have an interest in serving on the Council I would welcome a conversation with you, please contact the Area office.

The College of Bishops is grateful for the faithful ministry carried out across the Diocese by dedicated clergy who give so much of themselves in serving the people entrusted to their pastoral care and responsibility. We are indebted to retired clergy who serve either in interim ministries or as priest-in-charge. I thank the following clergy of York Simcoe who retired last year for their selfless and devoted ministries: The Reverend Annette Gillies, the Reverend Dr. John Oakes, the Reverend Terry Bennett, and the Reverend Maureen Hair. Terry and Maureen continue to serve in York Simcoe as interim and priest-in-charge respectively.

We are also very grateful for the ministry of those clergy serving as Curates in our area and who in the spring will be concluding their curacies: The Reverend Colin Bowler, the Reverend Don Byers, the Reverend Ken McClure and the Reverend Jeff Potter who has transitioned to full time appointment as Church Planter for St. Stephen Maple. Our heartfelt thanks, prayers and good wishes as each of these persons will transition into new ministries.

We welcome to our area the Reverend Canon John Anderson as Incumbent of St. James, Orillia and the new Regional Dean of Huronia, the Reverend Jonathan Turtle as Priest-in-charge of the Parish of Craighurst and Midhurst, the Venerable Elizabeth Hardy as Priest-in-charge of St. John, East Orangeville and to our diocese the Reverend Eileen Steele as Priest-in-charge of the parish of Penetanguishene and Waubaushene. Bishop Patrick White has accepted an appointment to be the interim priest-in-charge of Trinity, Aurora with the resignation of Canon Dawn Davis. Canon Davis the Incumbent of Trinity Church, Aurora will be taking up an appointment in the Diocese of Niagara and we place on record our sincere thanks for the good ministry she exercised in the Diocese for twenty years. Our prayers and good wishes for her and family.

We ordained two new Deacons in York Simcoe during the past year in the persons of the Reverend Nancy Glover serving in the parish of Georgina and the Reverend Tom Lapp serving in the parish of Craighurst and Midhurst. Our prayers and good wishes are with them, their families and their parishes.

We ordained the Reverend Philip Hamilton to the priesthood on the Feast of the Presentation February 2, 2018. Your prayers are asked for him, his family and the parish of Trinity Aurora where he will continue to serve.

I thank the Regional Deans, the area Liturgical officers and our area Administrative Assistant for their ongoing support of the ministry of York Simcoe.

We bade farewell to several faithful and long-serving clergy, including the Reverend Elliott Sheppard, the Reverend Mary Ranger, the Reverend Canon Alan Ferguson, the Reverend Canon Murray Porter and the Reverend Campbell (Cam) Russell. We thank Almighty God for their lives, work and ministries. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. May God bless you richly in 2018 and equip you in the work to which he has called you.

Yours faithfully,

The Right Reverend Peter DeC. Fenty  
Area Bishop of York-Simcoe  
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

# Agenda

## (Canon 14: On Vestries, Section 19)

### Order of Business

The order of business at the annual vestry meeting shall be as follows:

1. Incumbent takes the Chair. In the absence of the Incumbent the Chair shall be taken by such member of the Vestry as the majority of those present entitled to vote at the meeting shall elect.
2. Opening prayers
3. Electing Vestry Clerk (if not already appointed or if absent.)
4. Reading, correcting, and confirming minutes of last annual meeting, and minutes of any other meeting that have not been confirmed
5. Incumbent's report upon condition, progress and needs of the parish
6. Presenting and adopting Churchwardens' financial report with auditor's certificate attached. In presenting the Churchwardens' financial report, the Churchwardens shall report on all major issues relating to their duties which have arisen or been dealt with since the last annual meeting.
7. Adopting budget for ensuing year
8. Envelope Secretary's report
9. Appointments and elections
10. Presenting reports of all parochial organizations
11. General business
  - Other Business – Rectory Furnace
  - Other Business – SJAC motion
12. Adjournment

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING FEB. 26/2017**

Rev. Naomi call the meeting to order at 12.14pm with a prayer and the attendance sheet was passed around.

Sheila Jaynes was appointed Vestry Clerk

The Minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were reviewed and any errors or omissions were noted and corrected – motion to accept the minutes as presented by Sheila Jaynes and seconded by Chuck Jowett – motion passed

Rev. Naomi moved to accept all Bishops reports as presented – seconded by Phil Apperly

Warden's reports were reviewed and any questions or concerns were addressed – motion to accept as presented by Phil and seconded by Tex

Debbie Smith presented a summary of the 2016 actual budget and expenses, this was reviewed and any questions or concerns were addressed, motion by Debbie to accept and seconded by Chuck

The budget for 2017 was reviewed and questions were addressed, it was decided any offerings from Taco Tuesday would be considered open offerings – we will be 2 months outstanding to the Diocese by the end of 2017 – motion to accept the budget as presented by Debbie and seconded by Pauline

Rev. Naomi emphasized the need for increased donations to help meet the 2017 budget either through more money or more people.

The Envelope Secretary's report was reviewed by Larry, and questions were addressed – Phil and Larry thanked Bill Heron for a job well done in previous years and Naomi thanked Larry for continuing on.

The Nomination Committee report was presented by Naomi – no new members needed to be added – Naomi moved to accept and seconded by Phil – motion passed

All nominations were accepted as presented in the 2017 report – Naomi indicated we needed a new People's Warden, we cannot continue without 2 Warden's, Vi nominated Phil Apperly as People's Warden, this was accepted by Phil – Naomi closed nominations

Ballots were sent around to vote on a new Member of Synod – ballots were counted by the Vestry Clerk, Larry 16 votes, Pauline 9 votes, motion to accept nominations by Naomi and seconded by Chuck

### **REPORTS**

Property report presented by Phil and questions and concerns were addressed – motion to accept by Phil and seconded by Chuck

Debbie thanked the Property committee for all their hard work in keeping the Church and Hall in good repair. Debbie and Mike were thanked for all their work in cleaning the Church and the Hall

St. John's report was presented by Larry and questions were answered – motion to accept by Trish and seconded by Larry

Cemetery report was presented by Larry and Trish – motion to accept as presented by Trish and seconded by Larry – Debbie commented that the cemetery grounds were kept beautiful, and Tyler was thanked for his hard work painting the fence. It was noted that all profits made by the cemetery were reinvested in the cemetery.

The Foundations for Tomorrow report was presented by Chuck – the target was set at 80,000 dollars and we have a commitment of approx. 66,000 dollars – a thanks to everyone on the campaign – motion to accept by Chuck seconded by Jackie

Naomi moved to accept Ministry reports as presented and any questions were addressed by the appropriate leadership. It was noted that the Family Market needed more helpers to empty the bin and the issue was addressed with respect to increasing the prices. It was decided to leave the prices as is for now. Marg Jowett moved to accept reports as presented seconded by Helen

Naomi thanked all ministries for their hard work seconded by Chuck

## NEW BUSINESS

Social Justice and Advocacy Committee agreed to the recommendations from last year.

Motion to move to adjourn by Tex at 1.45pm motion passed – meeting ended with a prayer.



## REPORT OF THE INCUMBENT

It is that time of year again when I am pleased to report to you “on the condition, progress, and needs of the Church.” So much of the condition and progress of the Parish relies on the generosity of time, energy, and skill of so many volunteers and leaders within our community. There is no “us” without “u”. And I am so very grateful.

The entirety of this report outlines our many accomplishments this year. The ministry of this parish is possible because of the creativity, integrity, and hard work of your Wardens, Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, Advisory board, Property Team, Worship Volunteers, Sunday School Teachers, Soup and Sandwich volunteers, Family Market Team, Pastoral Caregivers, Newsletter Editor, Fundraiser volunteers, and others who step up “To be living instruments of God’s love, Truth and Healing.” Thank you all. I am proud to be a part of this vibrant, active community.

I note that so many of our appointed and elected leaders have agreed to continue to serve the community in their roles. Phil Apperly tried to step down as warden last year, but with no one to take up the reins he would not leave us in the lurch. Phil has overseen the Parish through many difficult times, including The Flood, the Foundations for Tomorrow Campaign (and Our Faith Our Hope before it!), and the Leasing of Harmony Hall. He has served you wisely, gently, and well and I am relieved to know that his knowledge and experience with Property matters will remain at your service, while another nominee stands for election to take on the duties of warden. Thank you, Phil.

Last year, at the conclusion of our Foundations for Tomorrow campaign, I hoped that 2017 would be a year of deepening and strengthening of both our physical and our spiritual foundations. FfT made it possible to spend some invested funds in order to immediately replace the roof, and plan for other maintenance projects that had been deferred. This spending was an act of hope and trust, and I love to be in the office when rain is falling, and feel no fear. Your generosity will continue to bear fruit this year, as we move forward with further work on the building exterior, and as we replenish our investments with current FfT income.

Over 2017, we saw “Taco Tuesday” grow and flourish. One of the success criteria we identified in our grant application was that a participant who was not a regular attender on Sundays would feel comfortable inviting a friend, and we reached that mark in the first few months. I am grateful for those who have shown their support for this alternate worship by working in the kitchen to ensure the meal is ready on time, and cleaned up quickly after. I’ve tried to do it without you- and together is so much better! “Taco Tuesday” includes fun and fellowship, but it is at heart a service of worship, and will within the Anglican tradition. We offer our Praise and Thanks to God. We read and seek to understand the scripture. We celebrate the Eucharist. We join our voices together in prayer. We have Bishop Peter’s blessing to worship in this way, with a review after one year to see what we have learned together. This ministry is funded by a Reach Grant from Diocesan *Our Faith, Our Hope* funds. My hope is that, by the time the Reach Grant funding runs out, Taco Tuesday will have become a vital part of our parish structure, and we will decide to continue the program despite the cost.

I knew when I arrived that this was a Parish that could roll with the punches, and adapt to change with Grace, as you did during amalgamation. I saw during The Flood that you could pull together when the chips are down. I know you are strong and resilient when you need to be. This year, I saw how you reacted when a choice was offered to you- the decision to open Harmony Hall for a

licensing agreement was a difficult one. Some important ministries were lost, the financial benefits were uncertain, and the benefit of providing a necessary service in our community has yet to be fully realized. I knew that giving up control over the space, and reducing the amount of material in storage, would be hard. The Grace with which you opened that space to Tiny Bees was inspiring. You know who you are, and whose you are, and stored stuff is just stuff, when it doesn't serve your active ministry. However long this leasing arrangement lasts, I was so very proud of how you began it.

I do, however, regret the loss of Soup and Sandwich, and the ministry of hospitality practiced there. My hope is that, after a period of rest there will be a growing hunger to offer some opportunity for shared food and laughter with the wider community, outside of Tiny Bees license hours. I wonder if the same hunger is growing in some of you, and will lead to the start of something new over the course of this year? Let's talk, and dream, and plan together.

Despite that loss, I am excited about the impact of rental income on our budget. While it isn't a magic wand to save us from all our money troubles (and who would want that- overcoming challenges is how humans learn and grow) it does mean a little bit less anxiety about our future. Faith and Fear don't live well together, and I look forward to seeing how faith can grow and flourish, with a small amount of relief from this one persistent fear.

And in whatever ways we can- let us continue to be a faithful community that people want to be a part of, and support. The budget in this report is not a list of numbers. It is an expression of how we will be disciples of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of the ministry we will carry out- worshipping together, sharing food with our neighbours, clothing our community with dignity, sharing our joys and sorrows, welcoming the Holy Spirit in our midst, living with gratitude and praise on our lips.

Let us, with enthusiasm and joy, be God's Church in the world; living instruments of God's love, truth, and healing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Naomi Miller

## REPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S WARDEN

Report to Vestry Feb 25 2018

Once more we were well served by Rev Naomi and, during vacation periods, our lay team, and by the volunteers in our many ministries.

We were, as always, delighted to see baptism candidates come forward as well as a number of new people in the pews.

During the year we lost Dorothy Harvey, one of our Family Market volunteers, who had also for some time been looking after her own ailing mother. Thanks to Pat Hool for organising a cheery celebration of her life.

The church was represented at Synod and pre-Synod meetings

The Breaking Bread midweek service morphed into Taco Tuesday and has a core of regular attendees.

Inter-church events such as chili cook-off have been supported.

St Johns was used successfully over the summer and for the January concert.

An updated interim (picture-less) parish directory was prepared.

### The Daycare

Financial: The income from the daycare rental is most welcome and should enable us to reverse the current increasing debt we have been accumulating with the Diocese, and thus stave off diocesan intervention in matters of parish oversight.

It does not solve our overall budget issues: we have still had to postpone certain important work around the premises and we remain constrained in our ability to recompense employees.

Organizational: The daycare operational hours, regulatory restraints and the sheer volume of their equipment have become major constraints on church operations and room-usage options for both ourselves and other users. Many thanks to everyone who has helped us adapt to the new reality. More detail is supplied within the Property report.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Phil Apperly

## REPORT OF THE RECTOR'S WARDEN

We all belong to a family but the family I want to share about is our church family. Like our regular family we go through ups and downs. 2017 has provided them.

Our struggle with finances led to the decision of permitting our parish hall to be leased as a Montessori school. This does bring in much needed revenue but not without its challenges. Soup and Sandwich lunches, cooking Wednesdays were discontinued in October. The setting up, taking down of tables and chairs each week seems to be done magically. NOT SO. The tables are awkward and heavy so we depend on sturdy men to do so. I encourage everyone to be involved with this.

If we want our coffee to continue after church service we need contributions for that - milk, cream, cookies. Everyone seems to enjoy this time together so let's hope it continues.

Another type of family comes into our church property. Those who attend Taco Tuesday, our community families. They participate in communion, crafts and of course enjoying tacos. They are very appreciative of this event.

The other events : Holly Tea, Toot & Holler, Roast Beef Dinners, Pancake Tuesday also give us opportunities to minister to each other and the community. These are our forms of outreach. Again these all go off because of our volunteers and commitment

. We have an amazing new roof. How I rejoiced the first time I drove by and saw it. Alleluia! Look up!

Please pray for our church. We continue to struggle financially. Please volunteer your time and talents where and when you see the need.

I want 2018 to be a year where we see growth - spiritually, physically as well as financially. Again, I emphasize we are a small congregation who achieves so much because we belong to a church family. Let us show God's love, truth and healing because we belong to this family.  
God bless!

Yours in Christ.  
Roslyn Dominey  
Rector's Warden

## Envelope Secretary's Report

Your regular donations are what, for the most part, sustain our church financially despite that we now have significant hall rental income to help. As I am sure you are aware from our financial reports, we still owe the Diocese a significant amount of money and the rental income will only keep us from going further into debt, not recover from our previous year's losses. It is your regular weekly and monthly donations that will keep us afloat and surviving as a viable Anglican church. I have included below a summary report of givings to our parish for 2017. Some of the highlights of this report help us understand how our church is supported:

- Our total givings from regular sources for 2017 were \$68,294 only marginally down from last year. This included about \$52K of regular givings plus \$15K of designated givings primarily for Foundations for Tomorrow. There was also about \$1100 of donations from occasional donors.
- We also had some specific donations amounting to almost \$1400 not included in the above.
- The way in which people donate, by envelope or by automated bank transfer, splits this bulk of our income between the 49 regular donors – and note that number is down by about 10% from last year. PAR donations by 20 members account for 56% of the \$68K total while more or less regular donations from 29 envelope donors make up 41%. There was also another 16 donors with occasional donations making up the final 3%.
- Regular donations throughout the year account for almost 70% of all our revenue. The average donation per family per year is just over \$1000.
- It can be seen from the report that throughout the year the average total donated by regular donors for any given month is about \$5500, down by \$300 from last year. This varies between an August low of \$4588 and a December high of \$9336. This summer low is typical of most years.
- In terms of special givings last year, of the \$15K designated, over \$12K was for Foundations for Tomorrow. The response to this building renewal program has been, and continues to be, very impressive.
- The regular donors, giving according to their ability, saw 24 donate more than \$1200 in the year, 10 gave between \$500 and \$1200 and 15 had annual donations of less than \$500.

It is our practice to provide income tax receipts for all annual donations of more than \$20 and these are being distributed now.

Larry Moore  
Envelope Secretary

|                                 | Jan      | Feb      | Mar      | Quarter 1 Totals | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Quarter 2 Totals | Jul      | Aug      | Sep      | Quarter 3 Totals | Oct      | Nov      | Dec      | Quarter 4 Totals | Annual Totals |
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| Total Regular Envelopes         | \$ 1,810 | \$ 1,580 | \$ 1,370 | \$ 4,760         | \$ 2,627 | \$ 1,370 | \$ 1,705 | \$ 5,702         | \$ 1,330 | \$ 1,297 | \$ 1,357 | \$ 3,984         | \$ 2,032 | \$ 1,475 | \$ 4,770 | \$ 8,277         | \$ 22,723     |
| Total Designated Envelopes      | \$ 305   | \$ 362   | \$ 452   | \$ 1,119         | \$ 1,010 | \$ 345   | \$ 885   | \$ 2,240         | \$ 410   | \$ 160   | \$ 460   | \$ 1,030         | \$ 320   | \$ 140   | \$ 420   | \$ 880           | \$ 5,269      |
| Total for Month & Quarter       | \$ 2,115 | \$ 1,942 | \$ 1,822 | \$ 5,879         | \$ 3,637 | \$ 1,715 | \$ 2,590 | \$ 7,942         | \$ 1,740 | \$ 1,457 | \$ 1,817 | \$ 5,014         | \$ 2,352 | \$ 1,615 | \$ 5,190 | \$ 9,157         | \$ 27,992     |
| Total Regular PAR               | \$ 2,470 | \$ 2,325 | \$ 2,425 | \$ 7,219         | \$ 2,340 | \$ 2,460 | \$ 2,260 | \$ 7,059         | \$ 2,816 | \$ 2,280 | \$ 2,240 | \$ 7,335         | \$ 2,508 | \$ 2,393 | \$ 2,643 | \$ 7,543         | \$ 29,156     |
| Total Designated PAR            | \$ 325   | \$ 585   | \$ 651   | \$ 1,561         | \$ 951   | \$ 651   | \$ 651   | \$ 2,253         | \$ 651   | \$ 851   | \$ 651   | \$ 2,153         | \$ 803   | \$ 803   | \$ 1,503 | \$ 3,108         | \$ 9,075      |
| Total PAR for Month & Quarter   | \$ 2,795 | \$ 2,910 | \$ 3,076 | \$ 8,780         | \$ 3,291 | \$ 3,111 | \$ 2,911 | \$ 9,312         | \$ 3,467 | \$ 3,131 | \$ 2,891 | \$ 9,488         | \$ 3,311 | \$ 3,196 | \$ 4,146 | \$ 10,652        | \$ 38,231     |
| Total Congregation for Month/Qt | \$ 4,910 | \$ 4,852 | \$ 4,898 | \$ 14,659        | \$ 6,928 | \$ 4,826 | \$ 5,501 | \$ 17,254        | \$ 5,207 | \$ 4,588 | \$ 4,708 | \$ 14,502        | \$ 5,663 | \$ 4,811 | \$ 9,336 | \$ 19,809        | \$ 66,223     |
| Total Other Regular             | \$ 75    | \$ 170   | \$ 55    | \$ 300           | \$ 250   | \$ -     | \$ 45    | \$ 295           | \$ 90    | \$ 70    | \$ 66    | \$ 226           | \$ 80    | \$ 40    | \$ 200   | \$ 320           | \$ 1,141      |
| Total Other Designated          | \$ -     | \$ -     | \$ -     | \$ -             | \$ -     | \$ -     | \$ 510   | \$ 510           | \$ 220   | \$ 200   | \$ -     | \$ 420           | \$ -     | \$ -     | \$ -     | \$ -             | \$ 930        |
| Total Other for Month & Quarter | \$ 75    | \$ 170   | \$ 55    | \$ 300           | \$ 250   | \$ -     | \$ 555   | \$ 805           | \$ 310   | \$ 270   | \$ 66    | \$ 646           | \$ 80    | \$ 40    | \$ 200   | \$ 320           | \$ 2,071      |
| Total Donations for Month/Qt    | \$ 4,985 | \$ 5,022 | \$ 4,953 | \$ 14,959        | \$ 7,178 | \$ 4,826 | \$ 6,056 | \$ 18,059        | \$ 5,517 | \$ 4,858 | \$ 4,774 | \$ 15,148        | \$ 5,743 | \$ 4,851 | \$ 9,536 | \$ 20,129        | \$ 68,294     |

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| Congregation Donations Month/Qt | 90       | 89       | 57       | 236      | 84       | 58       | 57       | 199      | 47        | 55       | 58       | 160      | 73       | 61       | 73        | 207      | 802      |
| Average Congregational Donation | \$ 54.55 | \$ 54.51 | \$ 85.92 | \$ 62.11 | \$ 82.47 | \$ 83.20 | \$ 96.50 | \$ 86.70 | \$ 110.79 | \$ 83.41 | \$ 81.16 | \$ 90.64 | \$ 77.57 | \$ 78.86 | \$ 127.88 | \$ 95.69 | \$ 82.57 |

| Donation Distribution         |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Donations - Collection        | \$ 4,280 | \$ 3,905 | \$ 3,795 | \$ 11,979 | \$ 4,967 | \$ 3,830 | \$ 3,965 | \$ 12,761 | \$ 4,146 | \$ 3,577 | \$ 3,597 | \$ 11,319 | \$ 4,540 | \$ 3,868 | \$ 7,413 | \$ 15,820 | \$ 320   |
| Donations - Other             | \$ 75    | \$ 170   | \$ 55    | \$ 300    | \$ 250   | \$ -     | \$ 45    | \$ 295    | \$ 90    | \$ 70    | \$ 66    | \$ 226    | \$ 80    | \$ 40    | \$ 200   | \$ 320    | \$ 3,988 |
| Donations - Designated        | \$ 630   | \$ 947   | \$ 1,103 | \$ 2,680  | \$ 1,961 | \$ 996   | \$ 2,046 | \$ 5,003  | \$ 1,281 | \$ 1,211 | \$ 1,111 | \$ 3,603  | \$ 1,123 | \$ 943   | \$ 1,923 | \$ -      | \$ -     |
| - Cost of Envelopes           | \$ 17    |          |          | \$ 17     |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - Music                       |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - Restoration (CofE)          | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 75     | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 75     | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 75     | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 25    | \$ 75     | \$ -     |
| - Easter                      |          |          |          |           | \$ 500   |          |          | \$ 500    |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - In memory of ?              |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - toot tholler                |          |          |          |           | \$ 300   |          |          | \$ 300    |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - Fathers day                 |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - St. Johns Restoration & Ops |          |          |          |           | \$ 100   |          |          | \$ 850    | \$ 220   | \$ 200   |          | \$ 420    | \$ 948   | \$ 918   | \$ 1,868 | \$ -      | \$ -     |
| - Foundations for Tomorrow    | \$ 563   | \$ 922   | \$ 1,078 | \$ 2,563  | \$ 1,036 | \$ 971   | \$ 1,271 | \$ 3,278  | \$ 1,036 | \$ 986   | \$ 1,086 | \$ 3,108  | \$ 948   | \$ 918   | \$ 1,868 | \$ 3,733  | \$ 150   |
| - Thanksgiving                |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - Christmas                   | \$ 25    |          |          | \$ 25     |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| - Faithworks                  |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |          |          |           |          |
| Total Donations               | \$ 4,985 | \$ 5,022 | \$ 4,953 | \$ 14,959 | \$ 7,178 | \$ 4,826 | \$ 6,056 | \$ 18,059 | \$ 5,517 | \$ 4,858 | \$ 4,774 | \$ 15,148 | \$ 5,743 | \$ 4,851 | \$ 9,536 | \$ 20,129 | \$ 802   |

## Property Committee report for the year 2017

### General

The income from *Our Faith, Our Hope* is coming to an end, and as planned, the *Foundations for Tomorrow* income has started coming in during the year, and can now be utilized. This is enabling us to address repairs which are long overdue.

Documentation re the 2015 basement flood was submitted in connection with the legal action our insurers had initiated against the town of New Tecumseth. This went to a discovery phase hearing in Alliston and was eventually rejected. There had been a potential to recover both our \$5000 insurance claim deductible and lost Family Market income.

### Church of the Evangelists:

**Church Roof.** Having discovered that we held some non-designated funds at the Diocese, it was decided that we should use them to proceed with re-roofing the church during 2017. We opted for a heavy-gauge steel roof, leaving the existing shingles in place as additional insulation. Some timbers and eaves-troughs were replaced at the same time. It is planned over the medium term to replace the funds we withdrew.

**Plasterwork.** With a reliably water-tight roof, some internal ceiling/ wall plasterwork which had been on the back burner was restored by Messrs. Critchlow and Boomhouwer.

**Electrics.** Using mainly funds from a local charitable foundation related to provision of food-related ministries, major electrical work was undertaken in the spring. A new and larger electrical panel was mounted in the hall and numerous additional outlets, each rated at 15A/ socket plus an extra 240v outlet in the kitchen were installed to cope with peak requirements such as roast-beef suppers. An underground cable was placed between hall and church so that we could reduce delivery charges to a single service provision. A new panel was also installed in the church.

**Gas supply:** During a town-wide gas supply and appliance inspection, corrosion was noted in our supply-line as well as some reversed fittings on a furnace outlet. These were dealt with in a timely manner by Milligan's.

**South-side church window frames:** These were stripped to bare wood and rotted sections removed. Voids were plugged with silicone and all repainted.

**Central Grassed area:** this was de-weeded and re-seeded by Larry Moore and some bee-friendly flowers added by the Sunday-School pupils.

**Sewer inspection:** After 4 attempts, the town established by video inspection that there was no blockage of any sort between our sewer outlet and the connection to the main sewer running south along Queen Street which could have contributed to our 2015 flood.

**Hall eaves-troughs and downspout cleaning:** This messy task was completed thanks to Henk Boomhouwer.

**Grounds care:** The trench where new power cable had been laid was filled, levelled and debris removed. Trees and bushes around the property were trimmed back as needed and sidewalks weeded.

**Daycare Rental changes:** Changes to the building to accommodate the many statutory requirements for running a daycare have included:

- The erection of a new partition between the kitchen east wall and the washroom west wall to provide control on unsupervised movement of the children.
- Re-positioning one freezer to the Xerox room and retiring another
- Sharing our cupboard space at the east end of the hall and provision of space within the kitchen fridge.
- Disposing of a number of chairs and storing others in the church where the organ pipes used to be.
- Removing our top cupboard access platform.
- Providing locks for the rear grassed area fence gates and tying back numerous exposed wire ends on the fence.
- Repair and upgrade of illuminated exit signs, CO and smoke alarms and emergency lighting.
- Updating of hall plans and Fire Plan to reflect many of the above.
- Early-morning snow-clearing, to include the south side entrance, is now being paid for.

**Rectory:**

Furnace igniter replaced (twice).

Upper floor toilet seal upgraded.

Dishwasher and Washing machine serviced.

**St Johns:** submitted by Larry Moore

St. Johns had neither significant building issues nor building work done in 2017. The planned bell tower and fence work were not undertaken and no significant maintenance work was done. This work as well as replacing the door handle are hoped to be undertaken in 2018.

The regular summer services as well as a Good Friday and a January music service made up the primary use of the church through the year as well as the June cemetery memorial service. There were no weddings or funerals.

As is our normal practice, over the winter, the furnace has been kept at a low temperature to keep heating costs to a minimum. In an attempt to minimize these costs, the ceiling fans were left running during the cold months.

It is again expected current financial investments will provide adequate funding to cover this work and the year's operational costs.



## **St. John's Cemetery Report, 2016**

St. John's Cemetery had a relatively quiet year with only 8 burials. It should be noted that if we exceed the 10 burial limit for a small cemetery, the ministry will require additional fees to be paid.

The cemetery also sold the rights for 4 graves. Total assessment for care and maintenance that was submitted to the Diocese amounted to \$3120. The cemetery also erected 4 headstones with the total assessment paid to the Diocese of \$350.

As can be seen from the attached financial statement, the Cemetery had approximately a \$2400 profit over the year – our third consecutive year with a positive balance.

This year we again leveled some graves where sinking has occurred and reset corner markers as the opportunity arose but the usual work on maintaining gardens much reduced since their replacement last year. The shed was also recovered with new paneling and stained. The usual grounds maintenance went on throughout the summer.

The memorial service in June was again well attended by many of our “regulars” but unfortunately some can no longer attend due to age and health issues. This is our primary source of donation income and this year was well funded. Our thanks go to the members of the choir, the organist and the congregation who attended and supported the cemetery through this annual service.

As in other years, we encourage our parishioners to take the time to visit the cemetery and enjoy the peace and beauty it offers. Remember, this is your cemetery!

Larry and Trisha Moore

**St. John's Cemetary - Balance Sheet for 2017**

as of : Dec 31 2017

**Assets**

|                      |           |                   |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Cash                 |           |                   |
| Petty Cash           | \$        | -                 |
| Bank Account -RBC    | \$        | 27,774.34         |
| Other Current Assets |           |                   |
| Accounts Receivable  | \$        | -                 |
| Investments          |           |                   |
| RBC GIC #0028        | \$        | 50,000.00         |
| RBC GIC #0027        | \$        | 40,000.00         |
| RBC GIC #0026        | \$        | 40,000.00         |
| RBC GIC #0025        | \$        | 12,000.00         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>169,774.34</b> |

**Liabilities**

|                                       |           |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Current Liabilities                   | \$        | -                 |
| Retained earnings                     | \$        | 167,373.84        |
| Net Income                            | \$        | 2,400.50          |
| Total Equity                          | \$        | 169,774.34        |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>169,774.34</b> |

**Notes**

*Audited Jan 2018, T Burkitt*

**St. John's Cemetary - Income/Expenses for 2017**

as of : December 31, 2017

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance Jan 1/2016</b> | <b>\$ 25,373.84</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|

RECEIPTS

|                                |                     |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sales                          |                     |                     |
| Grave Rights                   | \$ 7,800.00         |                     |
| Marker Stones & Foundations    | \$ 450.00           |                     |
| Fees Collected                 |                     |                     |
| Opening Fees                   | \$ 2,350.00         |                     |
| Headstone Fees                 | \$ 350.00           |                     |
| Adminstration & Misc. Fees     | \$ 300.00           |                     |
| Donations                      |                     |                     |
| Memorial Service Collection    | \$ 4,882.70         |                     |
| Other Donations                | \$ 3,400.00         |                     |
| Interest Income                |                     |                     |
| Investments                    | \$ 1,182.47         |                     |
| Synod C&M Trust                | \$ 2,943.00         |                     |
| Bank Account Interest          | \$ 36.08            |                     |
| Other Income                   |                     |                     |
| GST Refund                     | \$ -                |                     |
| Cashed Investment Certificates | \$ -                |                     |
| Miscellaneous Income           | \$ -                |                     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            | <b>\$ 23,694.25</b> |                     |
| <b>TOTAL CASH</b>              |                     | <b>\$ 49,068.09</b> |

DISBURSEMENTS

|                                     |                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Grave Costs                         |                     |  |
| Openings                            | \$ 3,200.00         |  |
| Marker Stones & Foundations         | \$ 540.00           |  |
| Synod Care & Maintenance Trust      | \$ 3,470.00         |  |
| Grounds Maintenance                 |                     |  |
| Grass Cutting                       | \$ 6,600.00         |  |
| Miscellaneous Upkeep                | \$ 2,259.01         |  |
| Investments                         |                     |  |
| Purchase of Investment Certificates | \$ -                |  |
| Other Expenses                      |                     |  |
| Bank Charges                        | \$ 68.00            |  |
| Office expenses                     | \$ 140.46           |  |
| Miscellaneous Expenses              | \$ 5,016.28         |  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               | <b>\$ 21,293.75</b> |  |

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Annual Profit/Loss</b> | <b>\$ 2,400.50</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>CLOSING BALANCE as of Dec 31/2017</b> | <b>\$ 27,774.34</b> |
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Notes

No GST refund was received in 2017

Audited Jan 2018, T Burkitt

## Motions From the Nominating Committee:

1. that vestry affirm the following committees and ministries within the life of the church be granted a seat on Advisory Board and be charged with the task of selecting, from among their members and volunteers, a suitable representative: **Chancel, Sunday School, and Family Market.** (Added by Advisory Board after the vestry meeting: Property Committee)
2. that vestry affirm the outgoing warden's recommendation that the incoming wardens **appoint** the following skilled persons to positions of trust and seats on Advisory Board:

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Treasurer:           | Debbie Smith |
| Envelope Secretary:  | Larry Moore  |
| Screening:           | Helen Mabee  |
| St. John's Cemetery: | Trish Moore  |
| Property Chair:      | Phil Apperly |
3. that vestry affirm the outgoing warden's recommendation that the incoming wardens **appoint** the following skilled persons to positions of trust and leadership for particular ministries not requiring a permanent seat on Advisory Board:

|                        |                 |                |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Toot & Holler:         | Chuck Jowett    |                |
| Holly Tea:             | Sheila Jaynes   |                |
| Bank Depositor:        | Phil Apperly    |                |
| Chair of Sidespersons: | Clyde Dominey   |                |
| Counters:              | Vi Ivany        | Helen Mabee    |
|                        | Tex Critchlow   | Gail DeBruin   |
|                        | Clyde Dominey   | Karen Mallany  |
|                        | Matthew Elliott | Judy Henderson |
4. That vestry affirm the incumbent's **appointment** of the following skilled persons to positions of trust and leadership:

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Rector's Warden:             | Roslyn Dominey |
| Advisory Bd Member at Large: | Karina Elliott |
| Spiritual Care Coordinator:  | Marg Jowett    |
5. That vestry accept the following nominations for **elected** positions of trust, leadership, and seats on Advisory Board:

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| People's Warden:             | Sheila Jaynes   |
| Member of Synod:             | Pauline Apperly |
| Advisory Bd Member at Large: | Gail DeBruin    |
| Social Convener:             | Marg Jowett     |
6. That vestry accept the following nominations for **elected** positions not requiring a seat on Advisory Board:

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Alternate Member of Synod: | 1) Chuck Jowett   |
|                            | 2) Andy Henderson |

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MINISTRY TEAMS

### THE FAMILY MARKET

Where would some of our loyal customers go on a Saturday morning if not the Family Market. We have a dedicated group of shoppers who wait patiently outside till we open our doors. Those doors have been opening for 25 years. In October we had a special anniversary cake and coffee celebration to mark the event. It is always a thrill to come to the Market and find a special treasure that you just have to have.

The Market also provides a valuable service to the Community supplying clothing at a very reasonable price, \$1.00 an item and \$2.00 for coats as well as a providing Community outreach where needed. We noticed an article in the paper that "My Sisters Place" in Alliston had a major flood problem in their storage basement. We promptly delivered them a cheque for \$500.00 to help with the repairs as we know all about flood problems. We also read an article about a new "Out of the Cold Program" starting up in Alliston. No one should be without shelter especially in our cold winter months. Just before Christmas we delivered a cheque for \$1500.00 to help this program get off the ground. Also a small village in Northern Ontario needed money to help the community receive "clean water". This is also something we take for granted. We sent them \$500.00 to help with this project. We were approached by concerned neighbours that 3 families in the area needed some help in a difficult time. We provided them with food vouchers for our local stores. We try to help where needed.

Our volunteers are amazing. We seem to be getting more and more donations at our bin. A huge thank you to the fellows that empty our bin. It is not always a pleasant job. You are so appreciated. Our crew that shows up every Tuesday morning to sort these donations are incredible and work tirelessly. The Market is open on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30 and we could always use your help.

The feedback we get from our shoppers is so positive and they would be truly disappointed if we were not there. Come and join us on a Saturday morning it is a great social time and who knows you may even find that special treasure.

*Submitted by Sheila Jaynes*

### HOLLY TEA

As I started to write this report, I wondered how long this Holly Tea has been going on. I found financial reports going back to 1998 almost 20 years ago. This really says something about the dedication and hard work volunteers have put in over the years. It obviously has been a great success over the years and something the Community looks forward to, so we keep on going.

This year we made a profit of approximately \$1571.00 even though the weather was not the most co-operative.

We had over 30 items for our silent auction and could barely fit them all on the table. Our bake table was a great success as always with lots of speciality Christmas baking. Thank you to everyone who took time out from their busy schedules to donate such yummy treats.

Roslyn and I decided to forgo the "High Tea" luncheon this year and instead offered a delicious soup and sandwich special. This was just what was needed on a cold and wet November day.

Rev. Naomi was ready with her "fundscrip" fundraising initiative so we could do our instant Christmas shopping. This was very well supported this year. Not only that we got to decide what

colour her hair would be for the New Year. She was very brave letting us decide. Maggie decorated special one of a kind wrapping paper for our gifts.

Next year we will try and have more and varied vendors to help with our Christmas shopping. This is sometimes difficult at this time of the year as there are many craft shows in the area.

Roslyn and I would like thank everyone for their donations, time, money, labour and expertise. It takes quite a crew to make this event a success. Without all these volunteers we would not have been able to have a Holly Tea. These are the people who have keep this event going for 20 years.

*Submitted by Roslyn Dominey and Sheila Jaynes*

### **SCREENING IN FAITH**

Screening in Faith initiative was launched in February 2003 to help parishes ensure their places of ministry were safe and healthy, especially for children and adults in positions of trust. In our parish we have a number of people in positions of trust and so a screening process is in place. This activity must be done on a three year cycle. This year 6 people went through this process and attended the required workshop as well, and so continue to help and support the church community.

*Submitted by Helen Mabee*

### **SOUP AND SANDWICH**

Soup and Sandwich wrapped up its long history of hospitality and generosity in October, 2017. This ministry was made possible by the tireless efforts of volunteers. Thank you to each and every one of you.

### **SOCIAL REPORT**

When I agreed to the role of Social Convenor I knew there would be changes as I do not enjoy "the kitchen ". But I knew that our Social and Fundraising efforts are a "well oiled machine ". It is always amazing to me that for our numbers we really pull off some great events. We appreciate all the organizers for what they do.

The Pancake Lunch was a wonderful experience thanks to the Sunday School and their teachers. Egg Decorating on Palm Sunday, the Toot & Holler, Roast Beef Dinners, Taco Tuesdays, Murder Mystery Dinner, Last Sunday School Potluck and St . Nicholas /Bishop Visit Potluck are all successful because we do enjoy working together.

We hosted a special event this year- a tea with one of the refugees whose sponsorship we supported. Nisrin shared some of her story about coming to Canada and her new life in Alliston, as well as a traditional Syrian dessert.

Our Sunday Coffee and Snack rotation sign up sheet is not as successful. Shared hospitality and fellowship are a vital part of a healthy church community. Unfortunately work of this ministry has been falling to Gertie as others have not committed to the sign up sheet. I encourage others to take the opportunity to nourish this Sunday gathering. Get creative or inspired by special events. The Sunday School did a great job with this in the spring. "Bring Back the Bees" was a delightful coffee hour! Or make it a family event. VI and her family hosted a coffee hour as a memorial celebration to Stirling. Please offer what you can and sign up on the sheet in Harmony Hall. Giving should be with a joyous heart.

The hall rental has been added work to our set up and take down for our Social and Fundraising events and we give thanks to those who step up to do this work.

I would like to thank all those who are behind the scenes. The shoppers, cleaners, dishwashers, bakers, cooks, providers of food, time, donations and a listening ear. Working together builds relationships and lifts the soul. God be with us in our endeavours,

Yours in Christ,

Marg Jowett

### **SPIRITUAL CARE**

We are finishing this year with many changes to the team. We give thanks for the many hours of selfless giving that VI Ivany, Florence Hofer and Trish Moore have given to this ministry. We wish them health and happiness as they deal with their personal challenges.

Naomi and I will continue as the pastoral /spiritual care team with the support of fellow parishioners. We appreciate communication of a need in our church community, whether it a be a visit, phone call, email or some other form of connection. We feel the ministry of sending cards is very important for expressing sympathy, encouragement or joys and successes.

Naomi visits our shut-ins throughout the year, but especially at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas with a gift of flowers on behalf of our church family and provides home communion.

We encourage others to join the team and we ask for your prayers for this ministry in our parish life.

Yours in Christ,

Marg Jowett

## **Vestry Motion for allocation of *Foundations for Tomorrow* funds**

The rectory furnace has failed multiple times, each time required the same part to be replaced. Trusted professionals have told us that the design of the furnace will cause the ignitor to continue to fail.

The estimated cost for purchase and installation of a furnace from Milligan Heating+Cooling with more reliable design is \$4000 +hst

Whereas it is both desirable and necessary to provide reliable heat to the rectory be it resolved that a new furnace be purchased and installed, with a goal of increasing both effectiveness and efficiency. Because this is an investment in property owned by the Church, this project will be paid for using funds raised through the Foundations for Tomorrow campaign.

## **Vestry Motion for 2018: Affordable Housing from the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee**

All levels of government need to work together to build and sustain affordable housing. We, the vestry of the Church of the Evangelists in the Diocese of Toronto, urge the provincial government to:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of affordable housing in Ontario.
2. Develop specific strategies to address the needs of communities and populations experiencing disproportionately high levels of inadequate housing, including members of Indigenous and racialized communities, newcomers to Canada, seniors, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and people living with mental illness or addictions.
3. Work with the federal government to maximize the impact of the National Housing Strategy on housing in Ontario.
4. Work with municipalities to ensure that emergency shelters are adequately funded to meet the needs of their communities.